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Re: Nominations to the MLPA North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

My name is Greg Barron and I would like to submit my name for consideration to the MLPA North Coast Stakeholders Group, some of my colleagues and friends feel I may be qualified to offer a valid opinion and help with this project due to my ocean and coastal experience and also due to some of my contacts in our Bay Area scientific and business communities.

I can bring firsthand knowledge of the region as I am local to the Bay Area and coastal region both north and south of the SF area from Monterey to Salt Point having been a scuba and abalone diver here since 1984. I have a home in Petaluma and businesses on the island of Alameda. In addition to diving the North Coast for this time period I have done dives in many places across the world for both research projects and recreation. These places include the Atlantic, Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, Southern Ca. and Australia. I am coming into my 3rd year as the local coordinator and administrator for the White Shark diving operations offered by Incredible Adventures to the Farallon Islands and as such have been attempting to put together a viable ocean outreach program to accompany the dive operations that includes overviews of much of the marine life encountered between the Gate and the Islands.

At this point in my career I can't say as I have had many active affiliations with many conservation interests groups but I do have regular contact with people active in a broad range of activities and businesses that in one way or another involve the coast and ocean in our region. These include, but are not limited to fishermen, ferry owners, dive operators, dive shops, ocean researchers, naturalists, divers, boat captains, scientists and engineers. It's time I start becoming as involved in the resource as some of my friends and colleagues. Think globally, act locally is more than just a bumper sticker and I do believe I have valid qualifications not to mention a love of the ocean and coast.

I understand the time requirements in the position and am willing to contribute. Please consider my nomination to the MLPA N. Coast Regional Stakeholders Group.

Regards,

Greg Barron  
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